

Mahathir: No new resolution for general assembly

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Umno supreme council, which met here last night on the eve of the party's general assembly, did not receive any new resolution, other than the three decided earlier.

Party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the supreme council also did not receive the no-confidence resolution claimed to have been passed on Education Minister Tan Sri Musa Mohamad by the Senai division in Johor.

"I have received reports from Mentri Besar Datuk Ghani Othman, Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and Datuk Hishamuddin Tun Hussein. There is no such thing," he said after chairing the one-and-a-half hour meeting.

He said there was no truth in the claim, adding that it was an attempt by the media to sensationalise the issue.

Last week, the Senai Umno division was reported to have passed a resolution for a vote of no-confidence against Musa over his recent decisions pertaining to education issues.

The division had called for a meeting, chaired by the division chief, Adam Hamid, to discuss among others, the 10% quota for non-bumiputra students at Mara Science Junior Colleges and matriculation programmes and the use of English in Mathematics and Science in schools.

Dr Mahathir said both Umno Youth and the Wanita wings have declared their support for the Government's

decision.

The wings also expressed their full support for Musa over the implementation of the new policies, which was a supreme council decision.

To a question about the one million signature campaign allegedly undertaken by Dewan Bahasa and Pustaka (DBP) to protest the use of English in both subjects, Dr Mahathir said:

"There is no such thing. I have talked to the DBP chairman Datuk Abdul Rahim Bakar and he has denied it."

PAS newsletter *Harakah* had front-paged a report claiming that language experts, including former DBP director-general Datuk Dr Hassan Ahmad, were against the move.